ON FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) Docket-No. STEU-2661 (Small Entity) In Re Application Of: Taggert et al. Serial No. Filing Date Examiner Group Art Unit 07/15/99 Soubra, I. 1744 09/354,478 Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING CONTAINER INTERIOR STERILIZATION IN AN ASEPTIC PROCESSING APPARATUS TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action 12/21/00 in the above-identified application. The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): ☐ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☑ One month ☐ Five months March 21, 2001 until: April 21, 2001 from: Date Date A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27: is enclosed. A has already been filed in this application. The fee for the extension of time is \$55 and is to be paid as follows: A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or creditany overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0513 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. 19-0513 Dated: April 5, 2001 John A. Merecki Reg. No. 35,812 I certify that this document and fee is being deposited Schmeiser, Olsen & Watts onApril 5, 2001 with the U.S. Postal Service as 3 Lear Jet Lane, Suite 201 first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. Latham, NY 12110 20231. (518) 220-1850 04/1 1/2001 ETULU1 00000060 09354478 Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence 01 FD:215 55.00 OP Dorothea Rubbone CC:

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